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Charleston departures	214
Maintenance reliability	93.7%
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(Jan. 1, 2004 - Jan. 6, 2004)



Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern

### Kickin' in the New Year

1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron members perform flutter-kicks as part of their weekly physical training. The new fitness standards of push-ups, sit-ups and a 1.5 mile run began Jan. 1 to help airmen become "fit to fight."

**Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!**





Welcome back from the holiday break. I'm particularly pleased everyone returned safely. I hope many of you were able to spend time with your families, and particularly thank those of you who worked during the holiday.

### Humanitarian relief

Even during this holiday season, we were privileged to be part of history, providing humanitarian airlift in response to the earthquake in Iran. **Master Sgt. Gary Smith**, forward deployed from the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, and aircrews from the 300<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron played a key role in getting aid to the people of Bam. As director of mobility forces in the region, **Col. Brooks Bash**, 437 Airlift Wing commander, also had a chance to be personally involved. This mission is another demonstration of how Team Charleston has a huge impact around the world. You can read about it on Page 6.

### Awards recognized

The **437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron** was named best MSS for a small base in Air Mobility Command for 2003. **Wilma Mitchell** is AMC's Outstanding Civilian Personnel Officer of the Year, and **Master Sgt. James Brady** won the Senior Family Support Individual/Family Readiness Award.

Additionally, the **437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron** earned three honors in recent competition: it was named AMC Financial Management's Organization of the Year, the Financial Services Office of the Year, and also earned the Special Acts and Services Award. Squadron members also cleaned up in the individual award categories: **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Richard Grab** is AMC's Financial Analysis Officer of the Year for 2003; **Joy Delk** is Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year for her category; **Staff Sgt. Christi Skiles** is the Financial Management Airman of the Year; and **Tech Sgt. Julie Brannan** is AMC's Financial Management NCO of the Year.

We also got word this week the **437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron** is AMC's Large Air Terminal of the Year.

Outstanding work all around — congratulations!

### Deployments

On the move this week are members of the 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, heading to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, to take over leadership of the 817<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron. There, they'll provide support for crews flying missions in the Southwest Asia region, joining the ranks of about 650 Team Charleston people already deployed worldwide. Please make an extra effort to take care of the families waiting for their loved ones' return, whether they're in your unit or your neighbor-

hood. A little extra caring can go a long way.

### Upcoming events

It's time once again to vie for the Spirit Trophy, up for grabs at today's New Year's Resolution Run. The 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group took honors at the Jingle Jog, thanks to some brute strength from squadron commanders in the tie-breaking push-up competition. Meet at the Fitness Center at 2:30 p.m. today for a 3 p.m. start to this month's run.

This Sunday we're in for a different type of exercise — preparation for the Ability to Survive and Operate evaluation later this month. The AMC inspector general will be here from Jan. 21 to 23 to evaluate our wartime capability, closing out the Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection cycle interrupted by the war. Stay focused on this important inspection, and lend your support and best effort.

I also ask for your attention to detail in preparing for our first visit from 18<sup>th</sup> Air Force Commander **Lt. Gen. William Welser** next week. Take an extra look around your work area and common areas and make sure we're presenting the best face of the best base in the command. While we welcome General Welser, we'll be saying goodbye to **Colonel Karl Young**, former 437 AW vice commander, at his retirement ceremony at 11 a.m. Jan. 16 at the Charleston Club. Please join us in honoring Col. Young's 30 years of service to his Air Force and our country with your attendance.

Two weekends from now, the Family Support Center sponsors Heartlink. This fun-packed and energized program provides simple and direct answers about military customs and life. I encourage all spouses to sign up for the next session, which runs from noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 17, by calling 963-4406. Provisions for child care will be addressed at registration.

### Safety

Team Charleston has been working hard, and to the great credit of each individual and supervisor, we did not have a major mishap in 2003. To maintain that focus, I am designating Jan. 16 as a safety day — a day to focus on unit and individual Operational Risk Management. Each unit will devote half a day to discussing safety and how to apply ORM to our work and personal lives.

This new year promises to be as busy as last year; as AMC's "go-to" wing, they'll keep coming to us, because they know we'll get the job done. Keep up the good work, and we'll make this another safe, productive year for Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston AFB a better place to live, work and play.

First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to [action@charleston.af.mil](mailto:action@charleston.af.mil).

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.



Col. Rowayne Schatz  
437 AW/VC

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# No time for safety? Consider the consequences

By Lt. Col. Steven Dye  
437 AW Safety chief

If you don't have time for safety, perhaps you have time to get your car repaired or spend some time in the hospital?

All too often, we are so busy living and rushing from place to place that we don't have time to consider the risks of the actions we take. Sometimes mishaps get in the way, and we end up spending an amazing amount of time "fixing" things that never should have broken in the first place. If we would have only taken a little more time to consider what the intended outcome would have been if we had done it correctly or more carefully the first time. There is a tool you can use to save that "fixing" time: Operational Risk Management.

ORM is a growing part of our Air Force culture. ORM is a formal process being taught to all Air Force personnel, and it is being integrated into all levels of military education. We use ORM daily in flying operations. For example, when we plan a local training sortie we consider all the aspects of the sortie: low-level, assault landings, weather, air-refueling, experience level, sleep-rest cycle, nighttime, etc. We add up numerical values for all the risky as-

## worth repeating

"Simply taking the time to think a moment before acting may save hours of 'fixing' time later."



Lt. Col. Steven Dye  
437th Airlift Wing Safety chief

pects to measure the risk of a given sortie. If the risk adds up to more risk than allowed by senior supervisors, we change the training sortie to bring the level of risk to an acceptable level. If we can't reduce the risk to an acceptable level, we might cancel the training altogether.

So you are thinking, "the next time I'm on a training sortie I'll be sure to consider the risks." Great, but I don't even fly. The beauty of ORM is it can be applied to everything we do. For example, we know there is far too much risk to stay in our home in Charleston when a hurricane is coming, so we evacuate to a safer place. That was an easy risk assessment, but what about driving to work when there is a torrential rainstorm? Have you seen commuter

traffic on Dorchester Road at 4:30 p.m. on a dry day? Add the panic stops and irritation of 1,000 drivers to the water swamped roads, and the risk may easily be too high. What can you do to reduce the risk? Consider delaying your departure until the storm lets up, or make a conscious decision to leave more space between your car and the car in front to allow additional reaction time to stop.

For all activities, you should ask "what if" and consider the risks you are taking. What if my car or someone's car around me loses control? What if I have an accident after a couple of drinks? What if I am not wearing my seatbelt?

Many of us already do this in our everyday lives. We should make it a part of every activity we do. Simply taking the time to think a moment before acting may save hours of "fixing" time later.

I'd like to begin this year with a **thank you** to each and every one of you for the things you accomplished safely last year. Charleston AFB and the way we perform the mission wouldn't be possible without you giving 100 percent every day. You should be proud of your performance and take pride in the wing you've built. I am proud of all of you, and I salute you for your dedication over the past year!

# Servicemen and women honored as 'Person of the Year'

By Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate each man and woman in America's armed forces for the honor of being named this year's "Person of the Year" by Time magazine. It is an honor you have earned not only this day, or this year, but throughout your volunteer service.

Ever since the minutemen first mustered to America's defense in the early days of our nation, America's fighting forces have stood ready, at a moment's notice, to defend the lives and liberties of our citizens whenever and however they were threatened.

Through two world wars, and dozens of smaller conflicts, the American soldier has never floundered and has carried the light of liberty to millions who suffered under countless tyrants and dictators.

During the long, cold struggle against communism, U.S. forces, with our stalwart allies, were the watchmen who stood sentry on the frontiers of freedom – until freedom

prevailed, and communism collapsed under the weight of its tyranny.

With this new century have come new battles in a new kind of war – the global war against terrorism. And again, America's fighting forces are at the front – taking the war to the terrorists and bringing freedom to millions who, for decades, had lived in fear.

What remarkable feats you have accomplished since this war began: two nations liberated from brutality and oppression; 50 million people freed to live out their futures without fear; many senior Al Qaeda operatives captured or killed; and terrorist cells discovered and dismantled.

Last holiday season, the Iraqi people suffered under the boot of a brutal dictator who murdered innocent citizens. Today, thanks to you, that same dictator – found cowering in a hole of his own making – now awaits justice for his heinous crimes. Each of you helped make that possible. And in so doing, you have made every American proud of who you are and what you do for all of us every day.

Time magazine called you the "face of America, its might and good will," and that you are. You are also the face of America's determination to stop the new tyranny of terrorism. And that you will do, because in addition to all that is new – new threats and challenges, a new mission, a new way of fighting, new technologies, and a new kind of war – you bring to the fight the oldest of virtues: honor, integrity, courage, dignity and discipline.

Sept. 11, 2001, ushered in a new era, but the world still looks to America for leadership and strength. As our Commander-in-Chief President George W. Bush said when this war began, "If America wavers, the world will lose heart. If America leads, the world will show courage."

I know America will not waver. I know this because you represent America's heart and courage. You stand, as you have always done, on the front line between freedom and fear. And you are doing a magnificent job. The American people are properly proud of you.

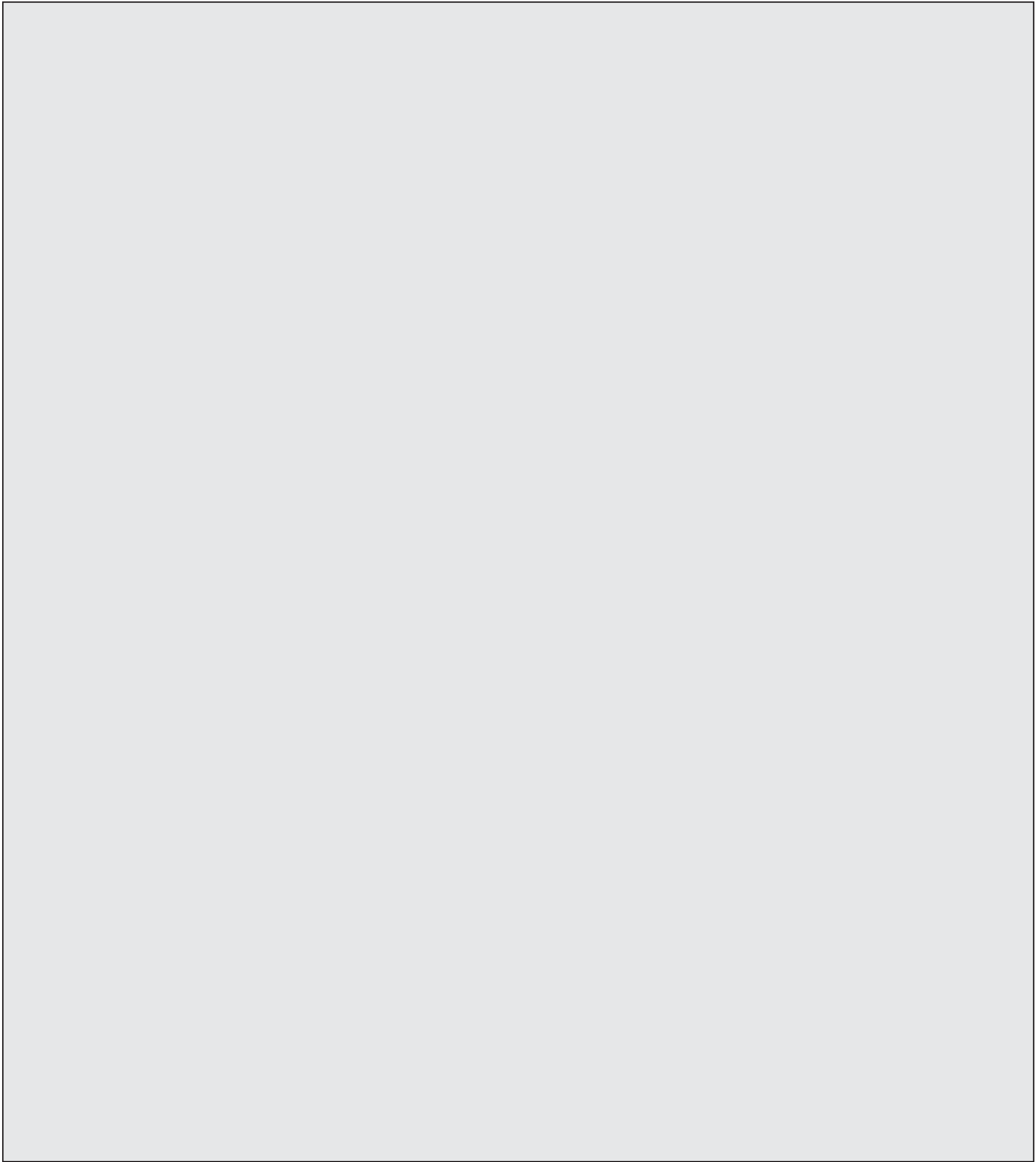
There will likely come a day

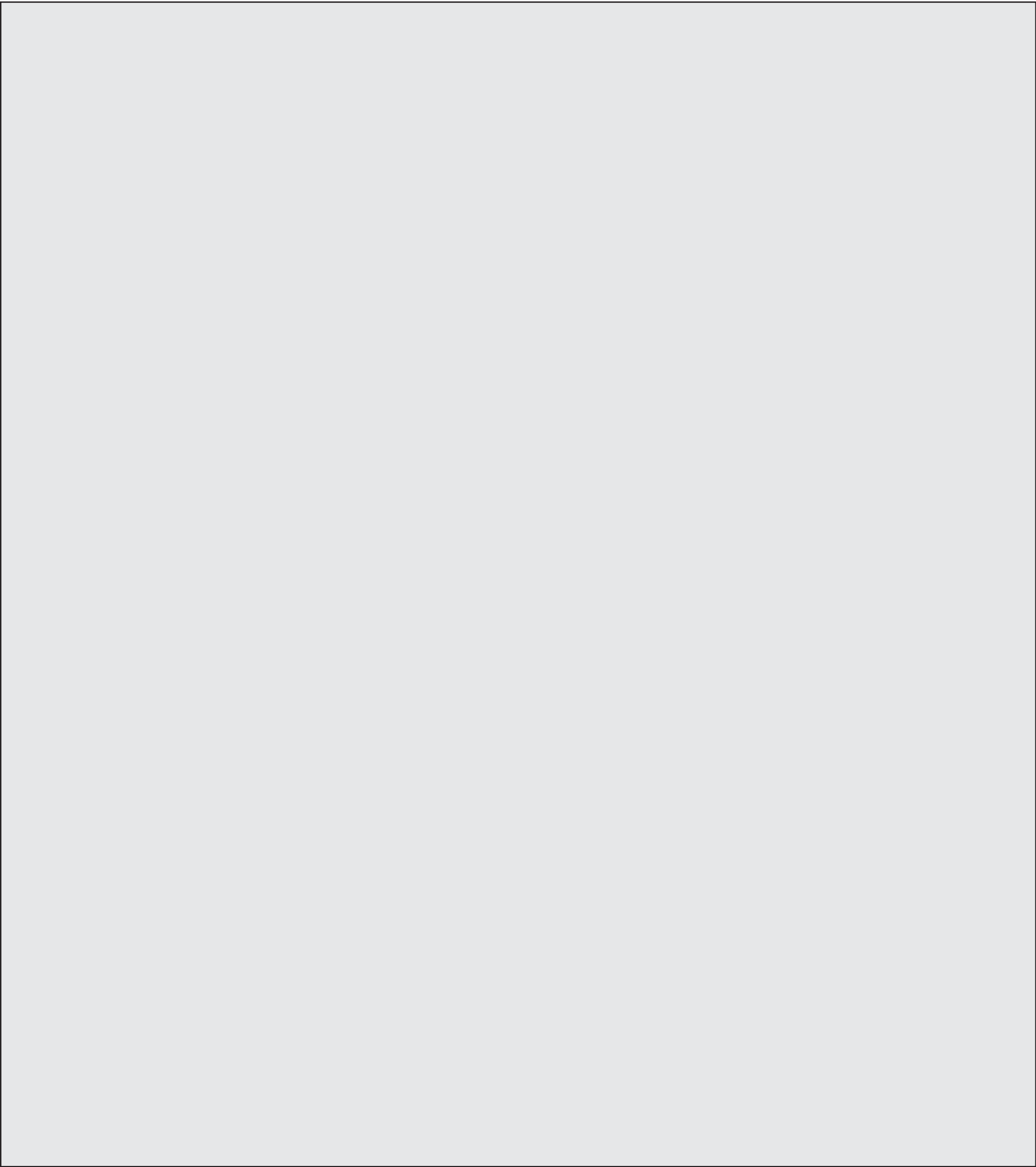
when terrorists can little threaten the world; when nations no longer harbor or support them, because the price for doing so has become too high; when terrorism as a method of waging war or oppressing a people has been as thoroughly discredited as we have seen slavery and piracy discredited. And while we are not there yet, and we may never be there completely and finally, we are making giant steps forward – thanks to your determination and your courage.

Each of you has paid a personal price. Some of your comrades have made the ultimate sacrifice. For all you are and for all you do, you have the thanks of a nation, which is proud of your service and grateful for your sacrifice.

To all of you stationed far from home and loved ones, know that our hearts and prayers are with each of you and with your families, who also sacrifice.

Congratulations on the well-deserved honor of being named person of the year! You deserve it. May God bless you and keep you safe, and God bless America.







# Team Charleston aids Iran earthquake victims

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern  
437 AW Public Affairs

A Team Charleston C-17 and crew departed from here to deliver relief supplies within 24 hours after a Dec. 26 massive earthquake crippled the Bam, Iran, region.

The crew initially flew to Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., and unloaded 63 emergency medical members including nurses and doctors, six supply pallets and a sport-utility trailer and continued to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, where they changed crews and headed to Kerman, Iran.

The earthquake measured 6.3 on the Richter scale. It destroyed more than 90 percent of Bam and is estimated to have killed more than 25,000 people.

The crew that flew to Iran was Lt. Col. Mark Bauknight, aircraft commander; Lt. Col. Michael Speer, chief pilot; Lt. Col. Donald Hazelwood, instructor pilot; Master Sgt. Eve Irwin, NCOIC mission loadmaster; and Senior Airman Laura Tumlinson, mission loadmaster from the 300<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron. The Charleston C-17 was one of the first U.S. aircraft to land in Iran since the 1980s.

The U.S. was among the first countries to respond to this tragedy.

“As we landed, we saw the ramp covered by international airplanes and helicopters packing every inch of the ramp to shuttle victims out as quickly as possible and bring in additional support,” said Colonel Bauknight. “We were proud to be there helping out during this disastrous time for the victims. The Iranians were very helpful and cordial. The Iranian wing commander

greeted our crew once we landed and offered assistance during our stay.”

American airmen and Iranian soldiers worked side-by-side forming a human chain to unload thousands of pounds of desperately needed material off the C-17 into waiting trucks. The supplies were then trucked into Bam a little more than 100 miles away.

Besides humanitarian aid, a C-130 from Peoria, Ill., carried aerial port operations and support agency experts to assess the operational and equipment needs for follow-on aircraft.

Among the help from the United States was Master Sgt. Gary Smith, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron load planning cape forecasting and customer service branch NCOIC, who is deployed to Southwest Asia and was sent forward to Iran to assess the airfield prior to other aircraft arriving in the region.

The assessments were vital because the Air Force sent C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft for follow-on relief flights, said U.S. Central Command officials.

President George W. Bush issued a statement stating “Americans stand ready to help the people of Iran.”

“Although we may have political differences between nations, air mobility is a powerful tool,” said Col. Rowayne Schatz, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander. “It’s great we can go out and help people in a humanitarian way, and know what a big difference it makes. People in the air mobility world are doing their day-to-day business, but it has a huge impact around the world.”

**(Air Force News Service contributed to this article)**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Suzanne Jenkins

Master Sgt. Gary Smith, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron load planning cape forecasting and customer service branch NCOIC, right, along with crew members and Iranian soldiers offload supplies from an Air National Guard C-130 Hercules in Kerman, Iran, Dec. 28. The crew airlifted 20 pallets of humanitarian supplies after an earthquake destroyed the city of Bam.

## Air Force announces increased CAFB BAH rates for 2004

The 2004 basic allowance for housing rates for Charleston AFB are as follows:

E-1 through E-4: \$831 with dependents and \$655 without dependents;

E-5: \$845 with dependents and \$763 without dependents;

E-6: \$1,033 with dependents and \$819 without dependents;

E-7: \$1,076 with dependents and \$832 without dependents;

E-8: \$1,123 with dependents and \$860 without dependents;

E-9: \$1,208 with dependents and \$927 without dependents;

O-1E: \$1,085 with dependents and \$845 without dependents;

O-2E: \$1,144 with dependents and \$912 without dependents;

O-3E: \$1,243 with dependents and \$1,033 without dependents;

O-1: \$848 with dependents and \$817 without dependents;

O-2: \$1,028 with dependents and \$840 without dependents;

O-3: \$1,154 with dependents and \$956 without dependents;

O-4: \$1,355 with dependents and \$1,080 without dependents;

O-5: \$1,507 with dependents and \$1,109 without dependents;

O-6: \$1,519 with dependents and \$1,159 without dependents.

Military members received an average increase of almost 8 percent for BAH from the 2004 Defense Authorization Act. **(Source: Defense Finance and Accounting Service)**

# Decorated McChord crew recounts enemy attack

**By Capt. Sam Highley**  
*62 AW Public Affairs*

Teamwork, training and the durability of the C-17 Globemaster III are what got a McChord AFB, Wash., aircraft safely on the ground after it was attacked by hostile forces over Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, according to the aircrew.

The five crew members recently recounted what happened during the 10 minutes from the time their number two engine exploded shortly after take-off Dec. 9, to when they safely landed the C-17 back at BIAP.

While an Air Mobility Command investigation team determined hostile action caused the catastrophic explosion and continues to investigate to determine what exactly struck the aircraft, the mission’s aircraft commander that day said he knew right away they were hit by something.

“The impact just shuddered the plane,” said Capt. Paul Sonstein, 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing pilot. “I thought we were hit by something. I didn’t know what, but I knew something got us.”

The crew immediately started their checklist, shutting down the engine and planning their return to the airport. With Captain Sonstein flying the plane, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Andrew Oiland, the co-pilot also from the 62 AW, ran the checklist and worked the radio. Behind him sat another 62 AW pilot, Capt. Anne Lueck, who watched over the cockpit to ensure nothing was missed.

Tech. Sgt. Jim Alexander, a Reserve loadmaster with McChord’s 446<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, sat in the jumpseat behind the aircraft commander and had the best view of the engine.

“We had a very large flame coming out of the top of the engine,” Sergeant Alexander said. “It looked like a flamethrower sticking out of the top.”

With Sergeant Alexander scanning the engine and monitoring the fire, the C-17’s other on-board loadmaster and fellow 446 AW Reservist, Staff Sgt. Eric Olson, was downstairs taking care of the passengers and coordinated everyone’s escape once they landed.

Everyone doing his assigned job and working together as a team were what helped get the aircraft safely on the ground, according to Captain Lueck.

“The crew resource management training we (all received) proved to be invaluable,” she said. “I think that’s what saved all of our lives and the lives of our passengers – how well we coordinated (and) how well we communicated with each other.”

Many of the C-17’s systems are backed-up through redundancy, something that also proved invaluable, as did the aircrew’s simulator training, in which pilots regularly practice landing with an engine out, Captain Sonstein said.

“It felt and handled no different than a four-engine approach,” he said, referring to how the aircraft flew as he circled back to the

airport. “It was nothing different because I was so used to the simulator.”

Captain Sonstein had to land the C-17 with only his standby instruments. Despite being the first time to ever land the aircraft without the benefit of the heads-up display, he did so safely.

All five crew members’ performance that day earned them Air Medals, which were presented by Vice President Dick Cheney during a visit to McChord AFB Dec. 22.

“It was an honor to be there and to shake his hand, and get (the Air Medal) pinned on by the vice president,” Captain Sonstein said.

Despite the accolades, the crew knows there are still many servicemembers overseas fighting the war on terrorism in similarly dangerous situations, Lieutenant Oiland said.

“We have people from all four services putting up with some pretty tough conditions over there, doing some pretty amazing things every day,” he said.

Still, Sergeant Alexander said he was incredibly impressed with the response of his fellow aircrew members, who saved their passenger’s lives, their cargo, a multi-million-dollar airplane and, not the least of which, their own lives.

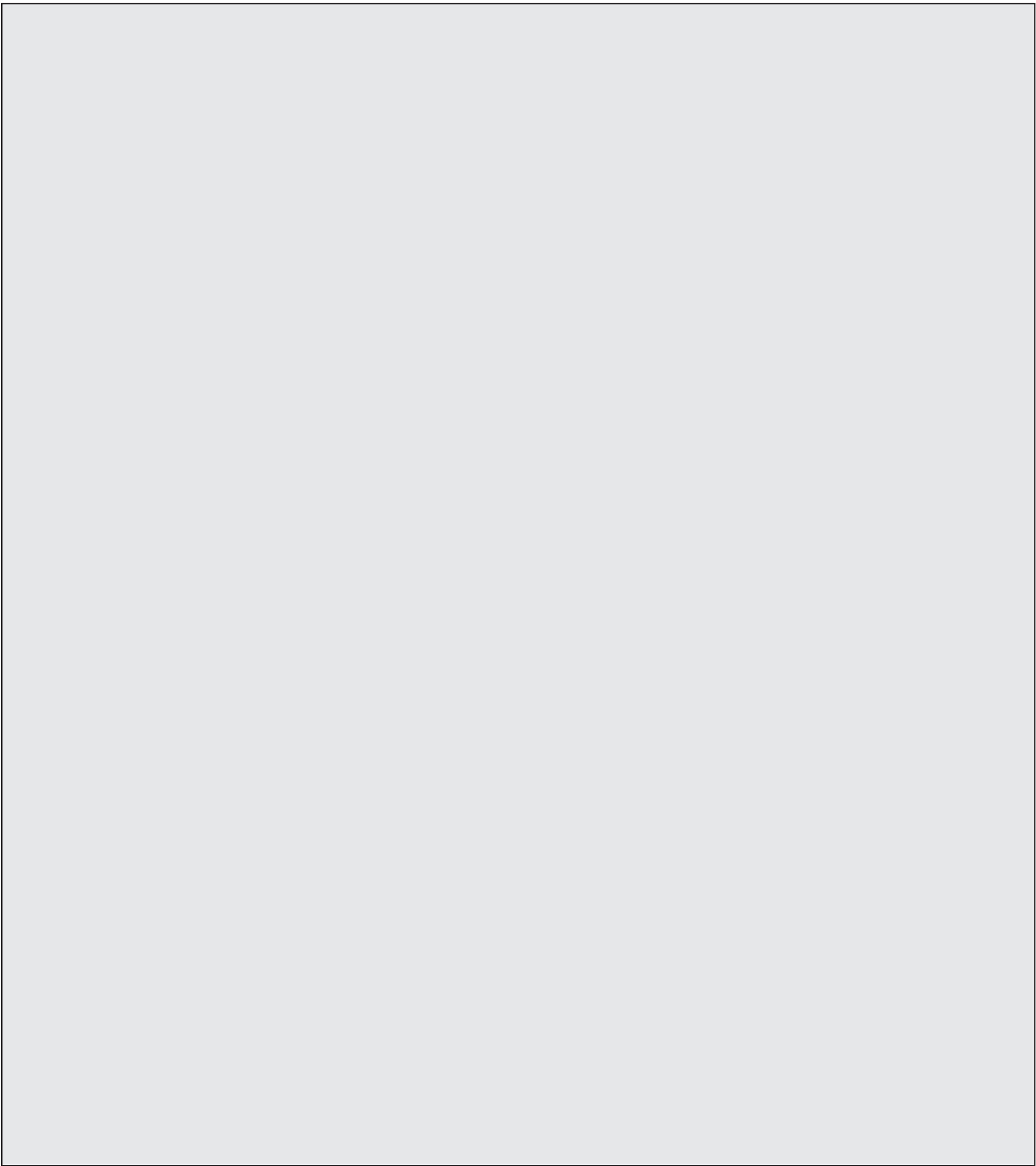
“I’ve been flying for 14 years, and I don’t think anybody could have handled the situation any better than these guys did,” Sergeant Alexander said. “They did a great job.”



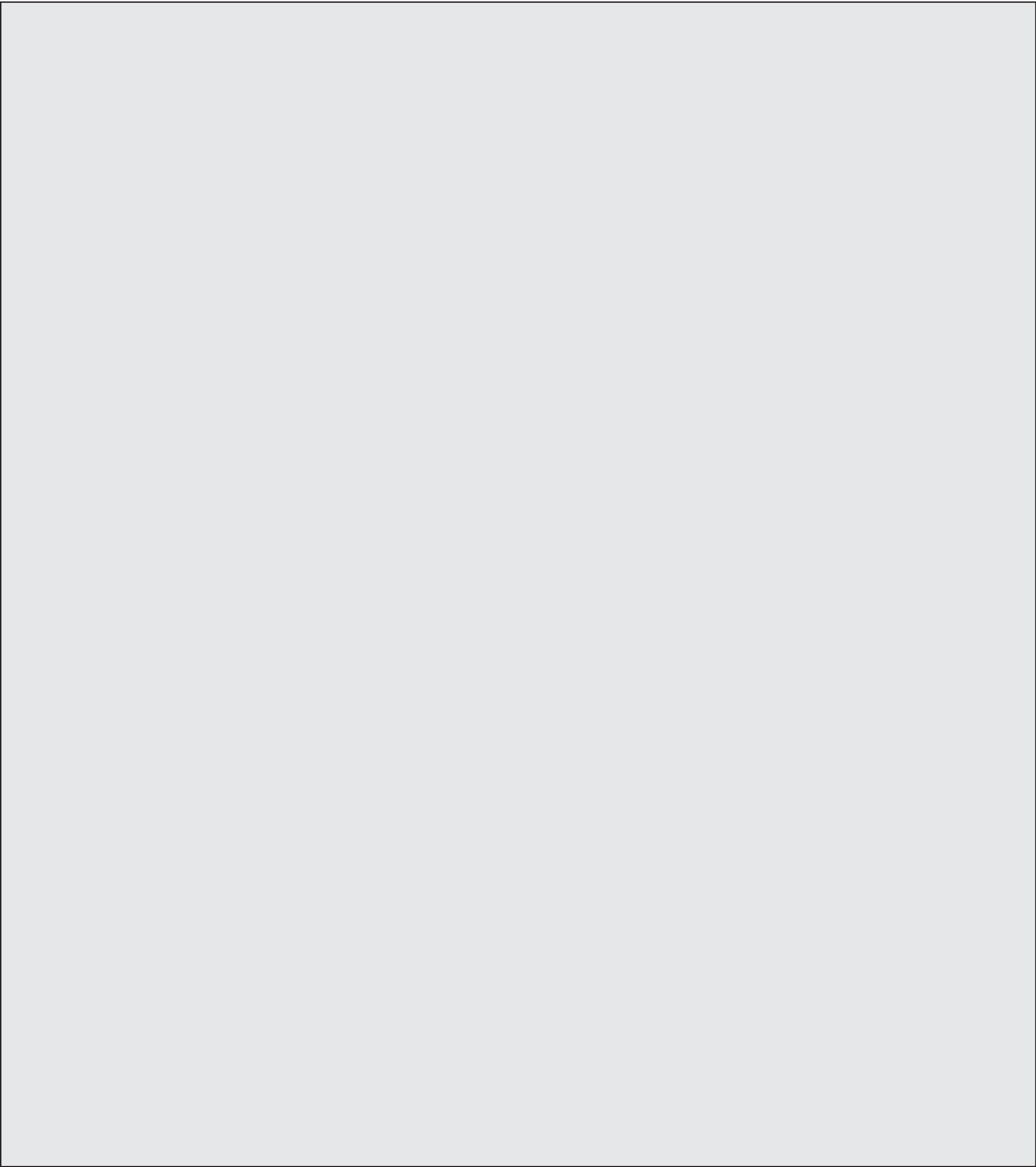
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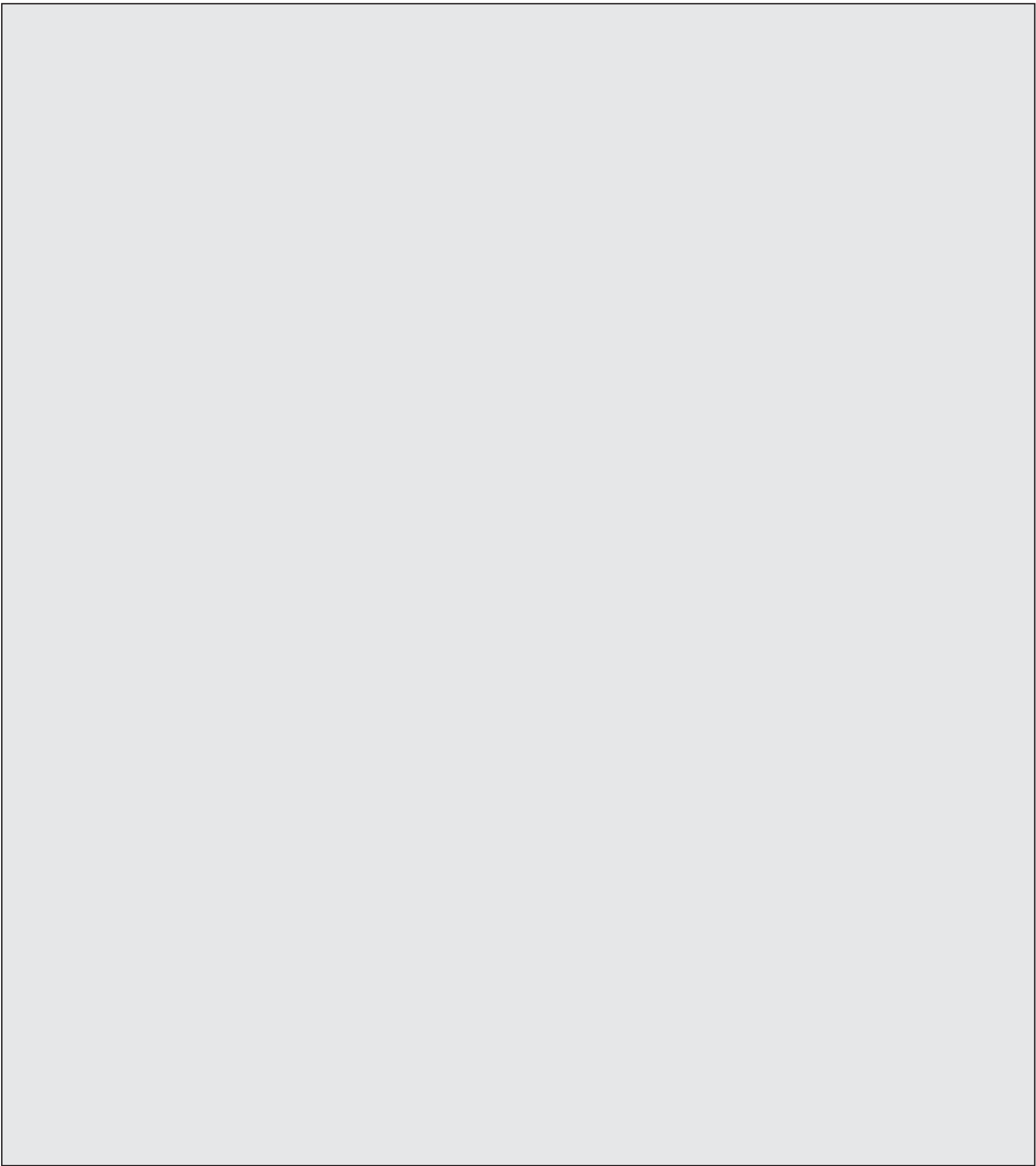
## Team Charleston Air Show

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds fly in their famous delta formation during a demonstration. The Thunderbirds will be here, along with many other aircraft, for the Charleston AFB 2004 air show May 22. The show is family-friendly, open to the public and free for all who attend.









## Officials examine anthrax court decision

**WASHINGTON** - The Defense Department will stop anthrax vaccinations until the legal situation around a recent court decision is resolved, Department of Defense officials said.

Defense officials and lawyers with the Justice Department are examining a decision handed down by a federal judge in Washington on Dec. 22 that ordered the DOD to stop anthrax vaccinations for U.S. servicemembers without their consent, Pentagon officials said Dec. 23.

DOD officials still considers anthrax vaccinations for servicemembers deploying to high-threat areas as crucial.

The FDA approved the vaccine in 1970. The District Court decision questioned the FDA contention that the vaccine was effective against aerosolized anthrax — the most likely bioterror weapon. This judge's decision is counter to the FDA's own decisions, the opinion of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine and the judgment of the most eminent experts on this topic. **(Air Force Print News)**

## FDA issues ephedra alert, AF warns airmen

**WASHINGTON** — Following an FDA alert, Air Force Medical Service officials are "strongly advising" airmen to contact their physicians or health-care providers before taking dietary supplements containing ma huang, ephedra or ephedra alkaloids.

Food and Drug Administration officials have issued a consumer alert on the safety of dietary supplements containing ephedra that calls for consumers to immediately stop buying and using ephedra products.

Besides issuing an alert, FDA officials are notifying manufacturers that they intend to publish a final rule stating dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids present an unreasonable risk of illness or injury. The rule would have the effect of banning the sale of these products as soon as it becomes effective, 60 days after publication.

In September 2002, the Air Force surgeon general issued a revised policy covering dietary supplements containing ephedra that strongly discouraged the use of such supplements and highlighted associated risk factors.

In November 2002, the Air Force's surgeon general issued a notice to airmen on the potential risks associated with dietary supplements containing ephedra, following the death of a young airman. These medical notices are released by the AFMS clinical quality management division to disseminate lessons learned from medical incident investigations and other pertinent events. **(Air Force Print News)**

## DeCA: No beef involved in "mad cow" recall

**FORT LEE, Va.** — Officials at the Defense Commissary Agency are closely monitoring the ever-changing situation involving a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, also known as "mad cow" disease, identified Dec. 23 in a single cow in Washington state.

Since Dec. 23 the U.S. Department of Agriculture has conducted

a limited recall of 10,000 pounds of beef that may have originated from the infected cow and from cows slaughtered at the same time and location.

Customers who choose to return products to the commissary may do so for a full refund.

For the latest developments on the current situation as well as for links to the USDA and other information on recalls and food safety, commissary customers can check the food safety link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). **(Air Force Print News Service)**

## AFMC improves deployment process

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — Air Force Materiel Command officials fielded a tool in the summer designed to help people keep better track of their deployment information, and they said it is already making a difference.

The Deployment Qualification System is a Web-based tool providing units with capabilities they never had before, such as timely and accurate information integration across functional areas, e-mail notifications for expiring training

and daily summaries for unit deployment managers.

The system gives individuals access to their current deployment-readiness status, including prerequisites like self-aid and buddy care, chemical-warfare training and weapons qualifications, said Maj. Jeff Stephan, DQS program manager. Unit deployment managers are happy to receive expiration reminders for their law of armed conflict training or self-aid buddy-care training, he said.

Units now have direct access to the information as part of their integrated view of individual readiness status. This medical-data feed is expected to help keep UDMs and commanders involved in supporting their troops to complete their medical requirements.

Other improvements, based directly on user feedback, included reminders e-mailed to course enrollees before scheduled courses, a course roster e-mail sent to training providers when registration closes out, and new UDM and commander reports. The reports put total numbers in perspective by summarizing individual readiness by air and space expeditionary force windows and priority. **(Air Force Materiel Command News Service)**

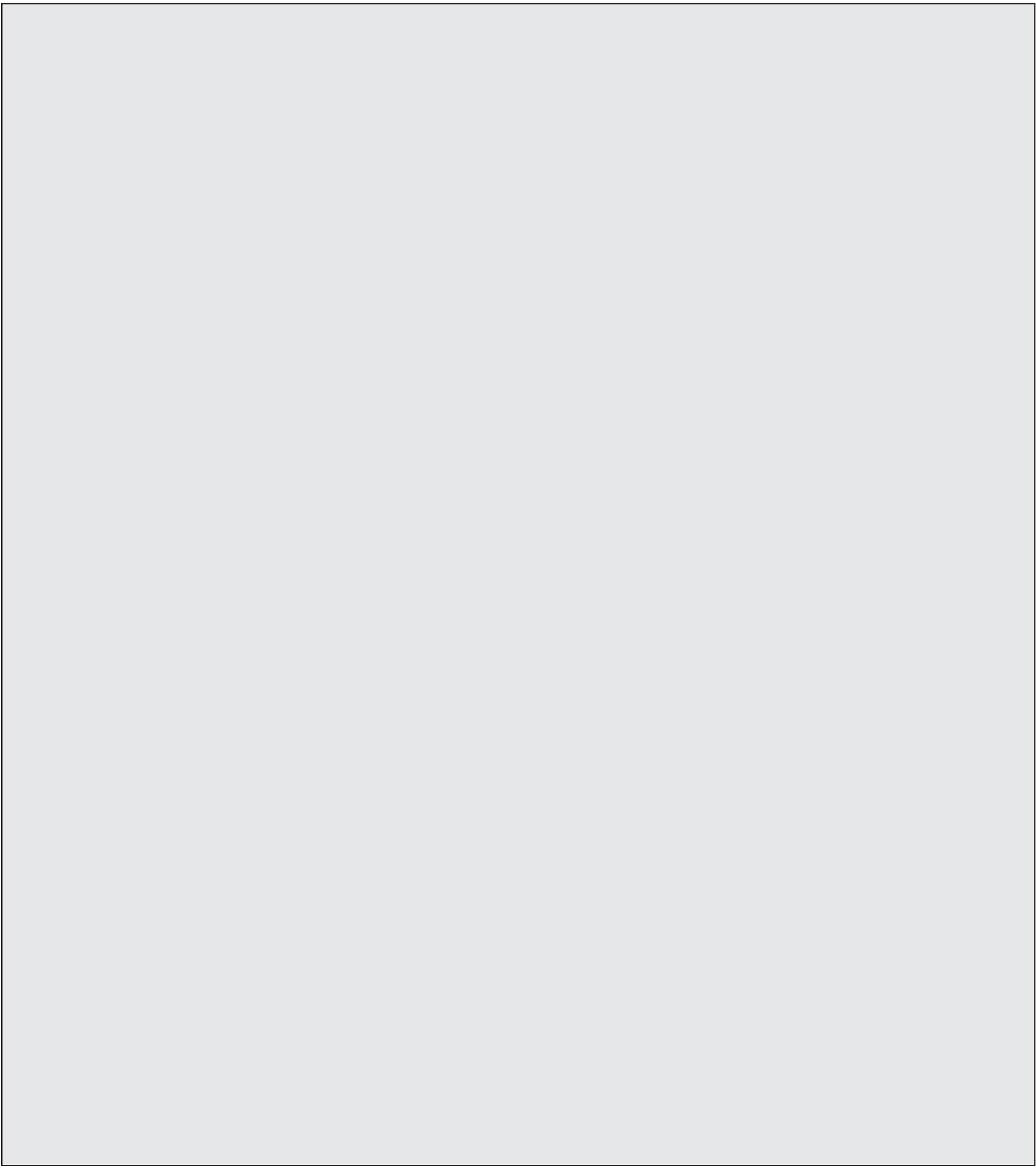


Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

## Air tank

Ground crews load a 66-ton Abrams tank onto a C-17 Globemaster III at Ramstein AB, Germany in December. The aircraft, flown by Charleston AFB's 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, delivered the Army's main battle tank to an Operation Iraqi Freedom air base in northern Iraq.





## Spotlight

**Closure:** The fitness center will be closed for renovations from Thursday through Jan. 19. Renovations include reconstruction on the front lobby area, expanding the female locker room, refinishing the shower floor in the men's locker room, and replacing the carpet and wallpaper throughout the fitness center. Operations will resume Jan. 20.

**Speeder's Alert:** The "Fit to fight" testing loop on East Jackson, James and Chance Loop behind the fitness center has a new speed limit of five mph. This is effective immediately and the new speed limits will be enforced.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Allan Harris at 10 a.m. Jan. 23 at the base education center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Donald Friemel at 963-3500.

## Around the base

**Youth basketball:** The opening day for youth basketball is set for 9 a.m. Saturday at the Sports and Fitness Center Globemaster Court. For more information, call Youth Programs at 963-5684.

**OSA:** The Officers' Spouses Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Charleston Club. "Bingo Around the World" is this month's meeting theme. For more information or to make a reservation call, 207-0733 today.

**AFSA:** The Air Force Sergeants Association will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. John Danko at 963-4590 or visit <http://www.afsahq.org>.

## Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amy Perry

### Staff Sgt. Walter Guillen 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Walter Guillen is a biomedical equipment repair technician in the 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron. He is responsible for ensuring quality maintenance, calibration and repair for more than \$3 million in Air Force and War Readiness Material medical equipment.

The Ecuador native has been in the Air Force for more than four years, and re-enlisted Monday for four more.

Sergeant Guillen aspires to become a chief master sergeant and spend more than 20 years in the Air Force. He plans to work toward getting a degree in electronic engineering.

"I am so lucky to have Sergeant Guillen on my team," said Staff Sgt. Phillip Carter, 437 MDSS clinical engineering NCOIC. "The impact by his work ethics and determination is truly admirable and respected by his peers. His contributions helped the medical group successfully achieve zero discrepancies on our last major compliance inspection."

**Recycling:** The upcoming base housing curbside recycling pickup dates are Wednesday and Jan. 29.

**AADD:** Airmen Against Drunk Driving will hold their first meeting 2 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Low Country Bar at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amy Perry at 963-5571.

**CGOC:** The Company Grade Officers' Council will meet at 4 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Charleston Club. Check out the updated Website on Globemaster for upcoming events. For more information, call Lisa Ryan at 963-3217.

**Hunters' safety:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Se-

curity Forces Combat Arms Section will provide a Hunters Safety Course at 9 a.m. Jan. 17 in Bldg 690. For more information or to sign up, call Tech. Sgt. Mark Keck or Tech. Sgt. Henry Dollason at 963-5292.

**MLK march:** There will be a march in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr., from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 19 starting at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy at 963-7052.

**First Six:** The First Six will meet at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Low Country Bar at the Charleston Club. All E-6s and below are invited to attend. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Joseph Thomas at 963-7285 or Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brandi Mathews at 963-6704.

**Super Bowl bingo:** The Charleston Club's annual Super Bowl Sunday Bingo will be Feb. 1. The big Super Bowl bingo jackpot is a guaranteed \$3,000, and there will also be five \$1,000 jackpots. For more information, call the Charleston

Club at 963-3914, and when prompted press "7."

**N.Y National Guard:** The 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has traditional guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1A2X1, 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 3C1X1, 3C3X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4D0X1, 4N0X1, 4P0X1, 4T0X1, and 6C0X1. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson, 109 AW/DPR, [Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.af.mil](mailto:Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.af.mil); DSN 344-2456; or 1-800-524-5070.

**CAFB mileage club:** The CAFB Mileage Club is an on-going program designed to motivate participants toward mileage goals, which will positively impact cardiovascular fitness. Incentive prizes are offered with each mileage goal achieved. All CAFB Sports and Fitness Center customers are eligible to participate in the club. For more information, call 963-3347.

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# C-17s support presidential travel

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kristy Miller  
437 AW Public Affairs

While most people know the president travels on board Air Force One, one of two specially configured Boeing 747-200B's, many do not know the important role played by Charleston AFB's C-17s. Traveling with the president is an entourage of Secret Service agents, vehicles and other support personnel.

While Air Force One can hold 102 people, it cannot hold any Secret Service sport utility vehicles. This is where the C-17 Globemaster III comes in.

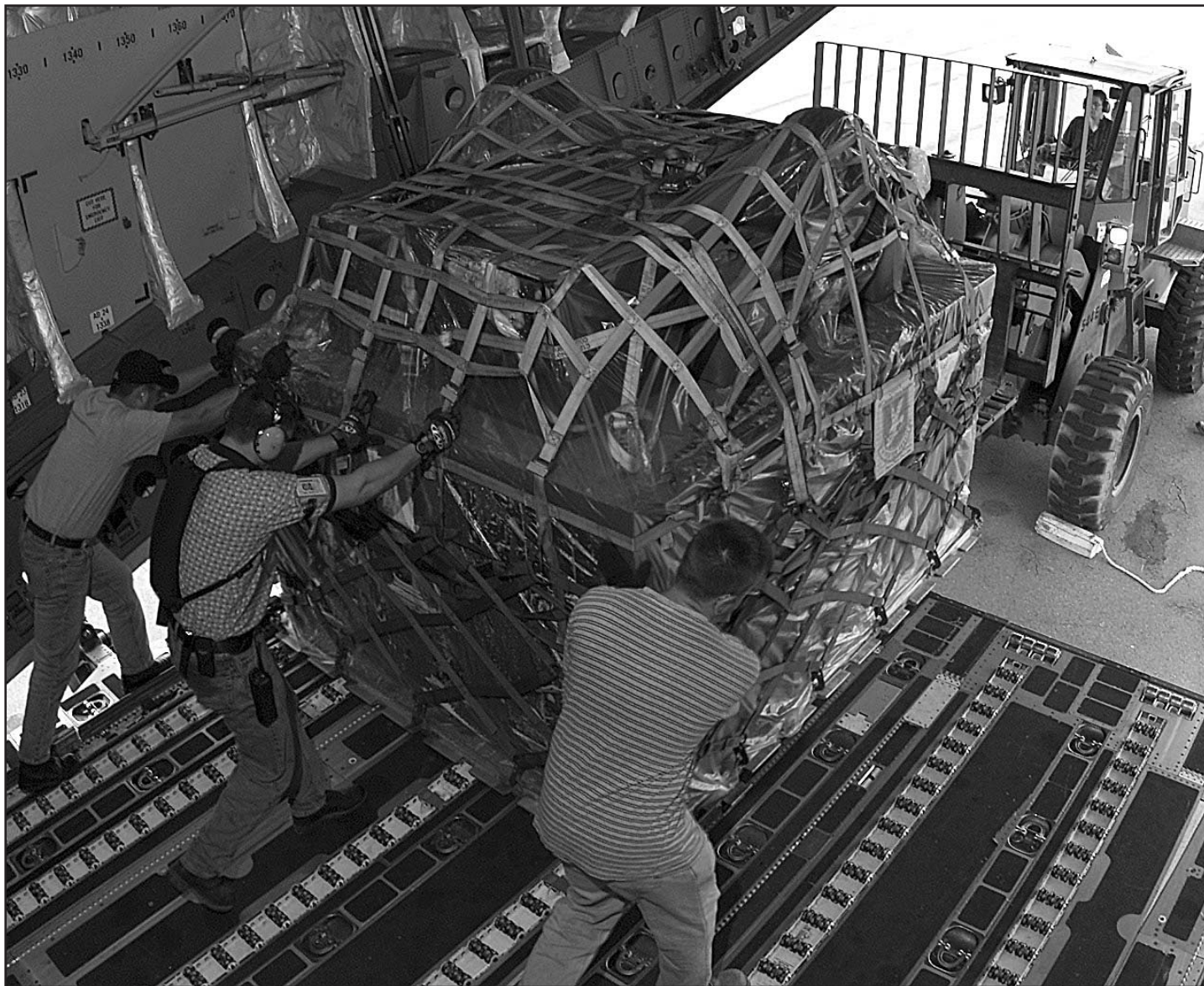
Since January 2003, Charleston C-17s have flown nearly 130 missions in support of the president. On these missions, called Phoenix Banner missions, C-17s carry extremely high priority equipment and people.

"The primary purpose of the Phoenix Banner is to provide support to the president when he travels," said Norman Moore, director of aircraft maintenance for the 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group. "This can be supporting him with communications equipment, Secret Service personnel, limousines or any of a variety of other needs."

A lot of work goes into preparing an aircraft for one of these missions, including cleaning the plane inside and out, and making sure it has a good paint job.

437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron personnel take extra care when preparing for one of these presidential support missions.

"They (437 AMXS) know this support mission must be mechanically



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed

**Members of the 621<sup>st</sup> Air Mobility Operations Group from McGuire AFB, N.J., offload a pallet of presidential support equipment from a C-17 during a Phoenix Banner missions in Tanzania, Africa. On the Phoenix Banner missions, called Phoenix Banner missions, C-17s carry extremely high priority equipment and people.**

sound and depart on time in order to meet the needs of our president," Mr. Moore said.

Along with being thoroughly cleaned, C-17s flying Phoenix Banner missions are fitted with comfort pallets. These pallets are equipped with extra bathrooms, ovens, refrigerators, and sometimes even a mini-bar to make the trip on a military plane a little more luxurious. The C-17 can also be fitted with airline-like seats, which provide more comfort than the normal seats.

Tires are also taken into consideration in preparation for these missions. Each tire requires a different tread thickness and changing a tire requires a lot of extra hands.

"Depending on how long it's going to be out, we try to get new tires on," said Master Sergeant Glenn John, 437 AMXS production superintendent.

Whenever a Charleston C-17 is on a Phoenix Banner mission, another C-17 sits "bravo" or standby.

"These missions are very high visibility," said Master Sgt. Denny Hopkins, 437 AMXS production superintendent. "If one breaks, you better have some answers. We normally have a plane on banner bravo almost every day."

On occasion, C-17s have transported the commander-in-chief and changed their call sign to Air Force One.

"There is always a possibility you can carry the president and become Air Force One," Mr. Moore said. "It's rare the president would fly on a C-17, but President Bill Clinton flew on a C-17. This is a totally rare situation and hasn't happened with President George W. Bush."

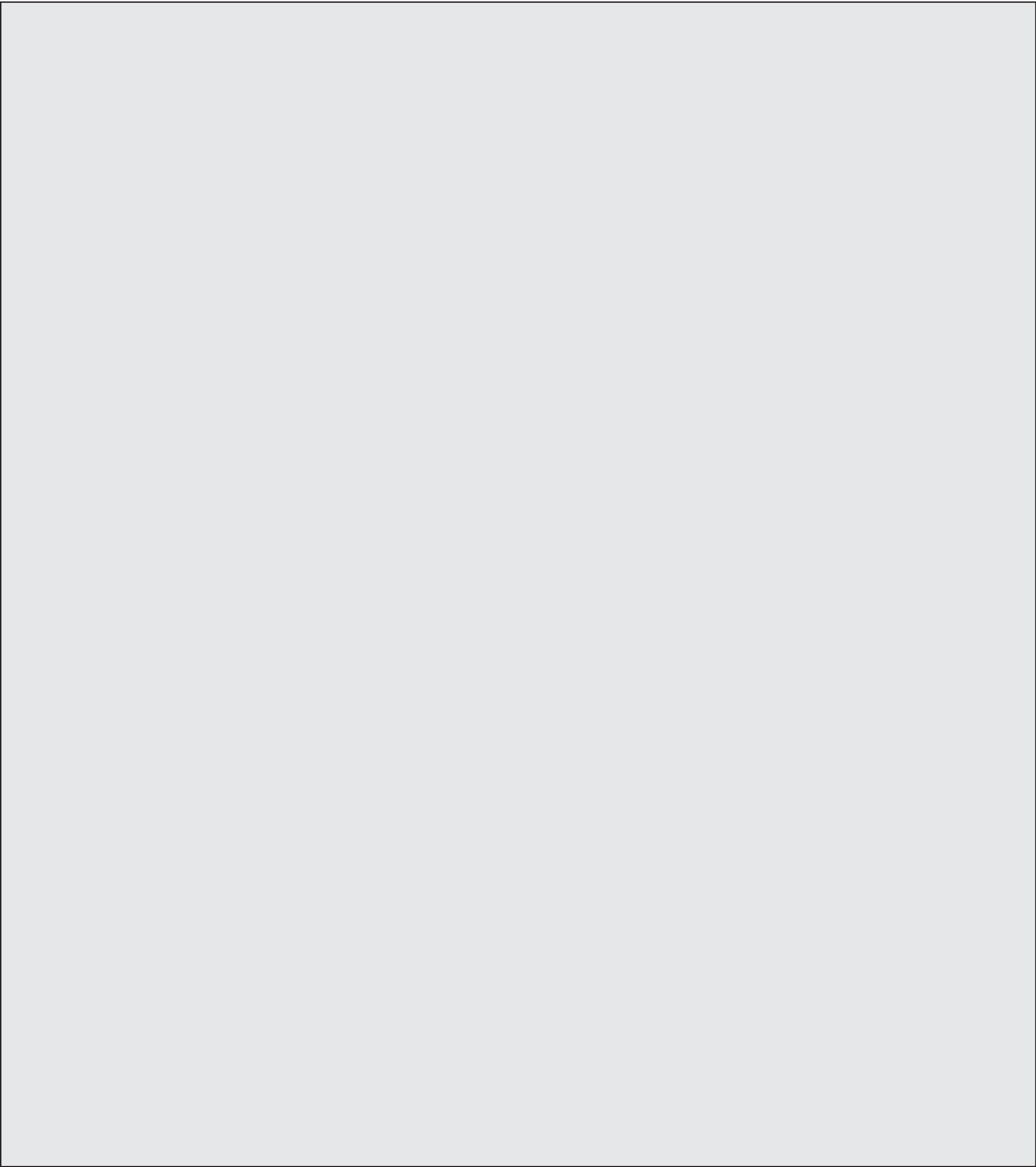
Even though it is rare, Mr. Moore said maintainers treat every Phoenix Banner plane as if the president were going to fly on it.

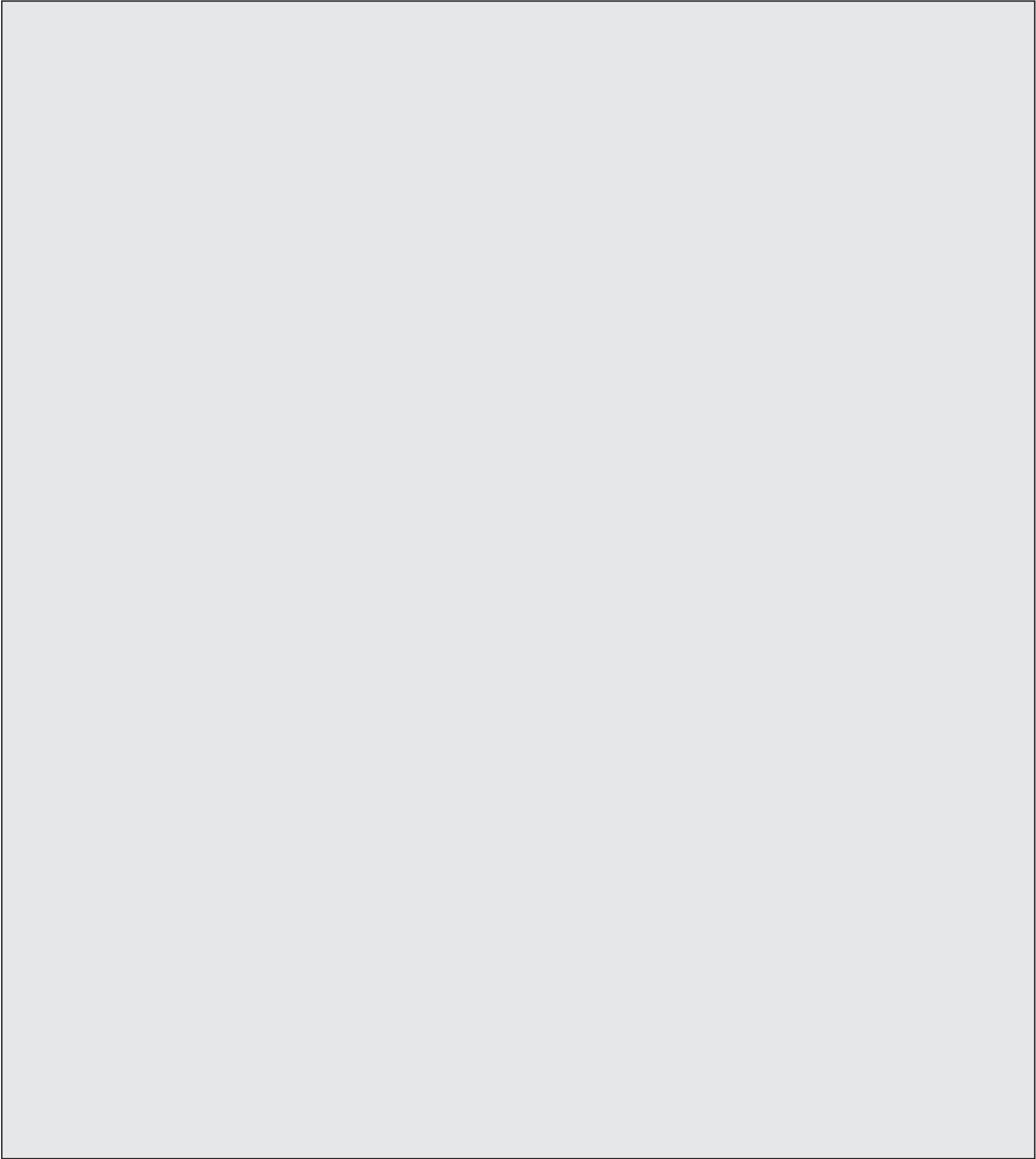
"Getting any airplane ready isn't an easy task, but a lot of extra work goes into these missions," Mr. Moore said. "It doesn't matter if its 110 degrees or 15 degrees outside, they (maintainers) have a job to do and they do it."



**A Charleston AFB C-17, on a Phoenix Banner mission, is marshalled by host nation service personnel at Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania, Africa.**







# Command Performance

## Air Force announces wear guidance for nametag

The Air Force has established both the mandatory wear date and proper wear for the new metallic nametag uniforms.

According to personnel officials, effective Jan. 1, the nametag must be worn on the wearer's right side of the service dress jacket with the bottom of the nametag level with the bottom of the ribbons. It should be centered between the sleeve seam and the lapel.

If a duty badge is worn on the wearer's right side of the service dress jacket, men will center the badge a half-inch below the new nametag; women will center the badge a half-inch above the new nametag. An exception is when a command insignia is worn by either men or women, then the command insignia is worn either a half-inch above or below the nametag and the duty badge is worn either a half-inch above or below the command insignia, depending on whether the individual is a current or former commander.

When the maternity jumper is worn as the maternity service dress, the nametag should be centered on the right side and placed even to, or 1.5 inches higher or lower than, the first exposed button.

The nametag will also be worn on all pull-over sweaters on the wearer's right side with the bottom of the nametag level, centered



between the middle of the sleeve seam and the seam of the neckline. It will not be worn on the cardigan sweater.

For more information, members should direct questions to the military personnel flight. **(Air Force Personnel Center)**

## WELLNESS TIP

### AEDs save lives

**Automatic external defibrillators will save twice as many lives as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) alone**

- **AEDs can help prevent 50,000+ cardiac arrest deaths annually**
- **AEDs are simple to use, battery-operated, computerized machines**
- **They deliver a specific shock to the heart, restoring normal heartbeat**
- **Every minute without defibrillation decreases odds of survival 7 to 10 percent**

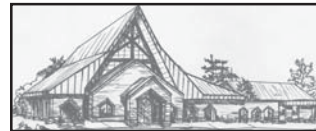
**Air Mobility Command has requested a \$360,000 mission support grant for 103 new AEDs**

\*American Heart Association statistics

**SOURCE:** AMC Command Surgeon Office

**InfoGraphic by** Staff Sgt. Nathan Gallahan

## Chapel schedule



**107 Arthur Drive**  
**Office:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

**Catholic Services:** *Saturday* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. Daily Mass is canceled until April 2004.

**Protestant Services:** *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service. *Wednesday* - noon Protestant Bible Study.

**For information on other faith groups, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.**

## Movie schedule

**Admission:** 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

**Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.**

**Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.**



**Today, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Gothika" – Halle Barry**

Criminal psychologist Miranda hears from a satanic patient, Chloe, and later has an experience with a mysterious woman. This leads to a nightmare, which worsens when she wakes up and discovers she's been locked in her own sanitarium for a murder she can't remember committing. While trying to figure out what's happened, her colleague, Pete Graham, wonders whether she's finally gone crazy. **(R) 97 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Timeline" – Paul Walker**

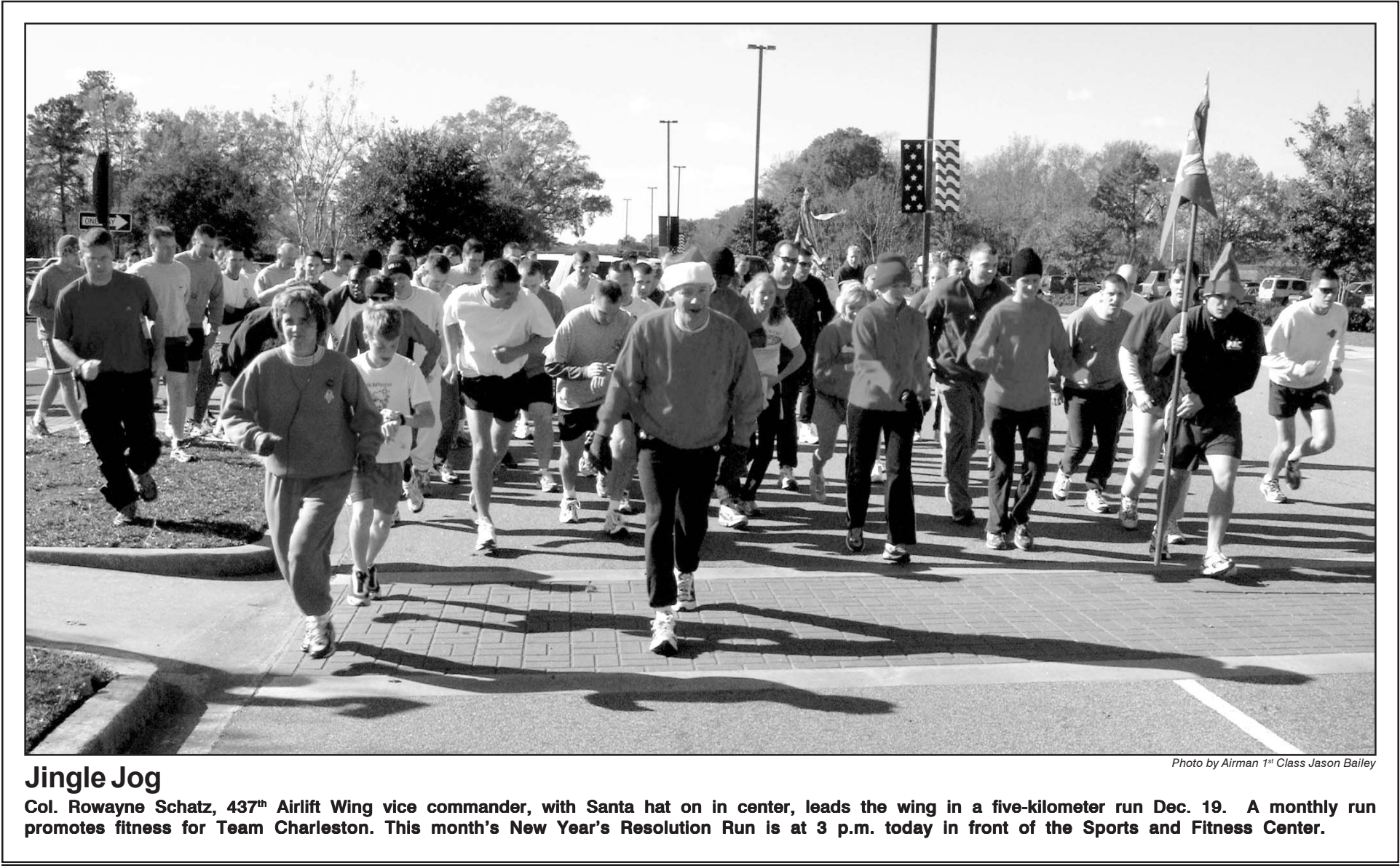
In France, Professor Johnston, his son Chris, and a team of archaeology students are working on the ruins of a 14<sup>th</sup> century castle. Kate and Andre make a startling discovery. They find an old bifocal lens and a letter from Professor Johnston. It turns out that the head of the corporation running the dig, Robert Doniger, opened up a wormhole leading to the 14th century. Johnston is now trapped in history, and it's up to his students to find a way to get him back. **(PG-13) 116 minutes**

**Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Honey" – Jessica Alba**

**(PG-13) 94 minutes**





**Jingle Jog**  
Col. Rowayne Schatz, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander, with Santa hat on in center, leads the wing in a five-kilometer run Dec. 19. A monthly run promotes fitness for Team Charleston. This month's New Year's Resolution Run is at 3 p.m. today in front of the Sports and Fitness Center.

# Glover crowned 2003 Swami Cup champion

**By the Gridiron Guru**  
*"Landslide" prognosticator*

Kenneth "if it doesn't fit, you must acquit" Glover is the 2003 Swami Cup champion, finishing the year with an outstanding winning percentage of .717! Glover, who was in the hunt all year, really took over during the second half of the season building a comfortable lead, however he felt the heat from the late charge of the self-proclaimed king of football, yours truly, the magnificent Gridiron Guru!

Before we sit down with the winner in our exclusive one-on-one interview, let's get caught up on the last two weeks of action.

Week 16 was won by Shannon "California Dreaming" Johnson with a very impressive record of 12-4. Johnson really had a great year and was in the top 10 throughout the entire season!

Week 17 honors went to the best football prognosticator ever, the dean of football, the amazing Gridiron Guru who totally blew away the rest of the field on his way to an unbelievable record of 13-3.

My only regret now is throwing a few games each week early in the season so the morale of the rest of the entrants would not be totally crushed, ultimately costing me the cup.

The Guru would also like to add that during Week 14, there was some controversy over some hanging chads on some of the entry forms, and after receiving the ruling from the Supreme Court this week stating the form was valid, Lawrence "Skyking" Strother will be named the champ for that week.

Now onto excerpts from the interview with this year's champion.

When asked how it felt to be this year's champion, a jubilant Glover proclaimed, "it feels great to be the best on the base. Too bad it wasn't a little more of a challenge, especially beating the Guru every week except the two he got lucky and actually won."

When asked about his method for predicting winners, he said "You have to pick the winners from your gut. Don't watch a lot of ESPN or surf the NFL sites. All that stuff is crap; go with your gut and lay off what you think might be an upset."

I then posed the question of whether he thinks he can repeat as the champion next year. Glover said, "If the competition is as bad next year as it was this year, defending the cup will be a piece of cake. My worst weeks were better than most of this base's best picks." Be sure to catch Glover at the Base Exchange this weekend where he will be signing autographs from 2 to 4 p.m.

I would like to thank the 80 people who participated in the Swami Cup. It was a great year for football, and I look forward to seeing all of you again next season. Here are the final top 10 standings:

1. Kenneth Glover	.717
2. George Thompson	.696
3. Karen Wenner	.688
4. Gridiron Guru	.680
5. Shannon Johnson	.666
6. Todd Bellamy	.661
7. James Blakey	.661
8. Blair English	.661
9. Rex Hillyer	.658
10. Michael Cook	.654

